

City of Minneapolis

Department of Public Works: Division of Solid Waste & Recycling

Yard Waste Collection

City-wide residential yard waste collection began in October 1988.

Our Program:

- Weekly seasonal yard waste collection
- Alley and curb collection
- Cost included in monthly Solid Waste base fee
- Compostable bags, personal container or bundled
- Yard Waste goes to compost facility

Collection Criteria:

- Yard waste must be placed at the solid waste collection point by 6 a.m. on garbage day.
- Meet preparation requirements shown in chart on right.
- Acceptable reusable containers must be less than 33 gallons in size, no less than 26 inches in height and have sturdy handles for crews to use during collection.
 - Yard Waste stickers, shown on the container in the picture below, are available upon request for customers' reusable containers.

Materials Accepted	Preparation Requirements
Leaves & Other Vegetation Includes: acorns, bark, garden plants, grass clippings, pine cones, pine needles, twigs, straw or hay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bag in Kraft (paper) bags, compostable plastic bags, or place unbagged in a reusable container with sturdy handles.• Each bag or container must weigh less than 40 pounds.
Brush & Branches Brush and branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bundle with twine or rope. No wire.• Each bundle must be less than 3 feet long.• Each bundle must weigh less than 40 lbs.

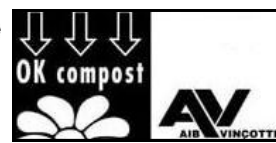
Compostable Plastic Bag Requirement:

Minnesota State law (HF403/SF383) went into effect on January 1, 2010, requiring any yard waste picked-up at the collection point or dropped off at a composting facility in the seven county metro region to be bagged in a certified compostable plastic bag, in a Kraft (paper) bag, or in a reusable container that can be emptied. Minneapolis residents were required to comply with the compostable bag law beginning with the 2012 yard waste season.

Certified compostable bags **must have one of the labels** shown below which guarantees the bag has been tested and meets ASTM D6400 standards.



Fun Fact: In 2014, Minneapolis crews collected 17,120 tons of yard waste from Minneapolis residents utilizing two person crews and a rear packer collection truck.



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Residential Organics Collection

Pilot Program: The residential organics collection pilot project started in the Linden Hills neighborhood in September 2008. By the end of 2010, 5,000 customers from eight different neighborhoods were eligible to participate in the no cost opt-in residential source-separated organics (SSO) pilot project.

The pilot program was designed to collect source-separated organics (SSO) separate from yard waste to determine participation rates of an opt-in system, tonnages diverted, effectiveness of different educational and promotional strategies, performance of cart types, and cost-effectiveness of current routing.



Results: Interim results showed that using various educational outreach and promotional methods (mailings, door to door education and events) resulted in higher participation rates. The neighborhood who used various promotional methods had an over 50% participation rate versus a 33% where only mailings were used. Collecting SSO for composting is 2.5 times more costly than collecting SSO with garbage and delivering it to a waste to energy facility.



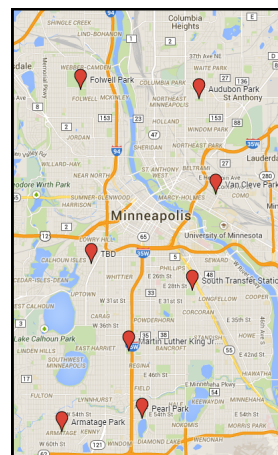
Citywide Organics Roll-Out: In February 2013, the City hired a private consulting firm to prepare a report detailing the different options and impacts of organics collection methods. Methods studied included:

- No SSO Collection (SSO to Waste to Energy)
- Collect SSO alone
- SSO Commingled with Yard Waste (no bagging required)
- SSO Co-Collected with Yard Waste (bag required for SSO)
- SSO Commingled with Garbage (to be sorted out at a processing facility)

Based on results from the study, Solid Waste & Recycling presented a recommendation for an all-pay, opt-in citywide SSO alone organics recycling program to the Minneapolis City Council in April 2014. Solid Waste & Recycling received approval to move ahead with the citywide organics recycling program roll-out with the approval of the City's budget in December 2015.

Program education will begin in April 2015 and carts will begin to be delivered in August 2015. All of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling's 106,000 dwelling units serviced will be eligible to participate by summer 2016.

Organics Drop-Off: In April 2014 a residential organics drop-off was opened in the parking lot at a residential park. Drop-offs were opened to give residents convenient options to divert organic materials until the citywide organics program is complete. By Fall 2015, the program had expanded to five drop-offs around the City and by Spring 2016 the city hopes to have a total of eight drop-off locations (shown in the map on the right). The most successful drop-off diverts over 2,000 pounds of organics each week.



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